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This is in response to the appeal brief filed September 4, 2007 appealing from the Office action mailed January 4, 2007.

In the examiner's answer dated May 26, 2009, the following list of references is the evidence relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal.

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